

**BRYAN OUT FOR PROHIBITION.**

**EDITORIAL OF SECRETARY IN COMMONER POINTS OUT HIS STAND FOR NATIONAL STEP.**

**Congressman Hobson on Warpath Against Use of Rum—Probable Plank in Party Platform at Next National Convention—Hobson Prohibition Measure to Come Before Congress.**

Washington Nov. 28.—Secretary of State Bryan's aggressive declaration in favor of national prohibition—for that is what his recent editorial in the Commoner is generally understood to mean—has caused more comment in political circles here than any other incident since the congressional elections. The comment may not have been loud, but it has certainly been deep.

Both of the big parties are more afraid of the liquor question than of anything else. They recognize it as a sharp two-edged sword and they are nervous when it is in sight. The apparent inclination of Mr. Bryan to lead a fight for a prohibition plank in the next Democratic platform is causing no end of uneasiness. It is not believed that President Wilson approves of the idea, for he has several times called liquor a State issue.

Inasmuch as the Democratic party has not been any more identified with the so-called liquor interests than the Republican party, the Secretary of State evidently means, when he suggests that the Democracy must divorce itself from all connection with these interests, that it should take a positive national stand for prohibition. One of the ardent followers of Mr. Bryan a prominent Southern Democratic congressman, who is not a prohibitionist, and whose State has three times voted against prohibition, comforts himself with the theory that the Commoner means to suggest national prohibition only by the independent, cumulative action of the States. If so it is exceedingly strange that Mr. Bryan did not say that he referred to independent State action, particularly as the Commoner editorial appears on the very eve of a renewal of the federal prohibition fight in congress.

Ever since the adjournment of congress Representative Hobson, of Alabama, has been preparing to make a supreme effort in December to get a vote on his proposal to submit a prohibition constitutional amendment. He has been shelling the woods with "literature" by way of preparing for the charge which he and his forces are going to make when the legislators reassemble. It is whispered that Capt. Hobson is not very enthusiastic about Mr. Bryan as a leader in the national prohibition movement, which is the one on which the Alabamian has hopes of riding to the presidency.

However, the Bryan deliverance is going to have influence in the measuring of forces for and against the Hobson resolution at the approaching session. Mr. Hobson has before the rules committee a request that December 15 be fixed as a date for a vote on his amendment resolution. He appears to be confident that he can get this vote in some way before he retires from congress, on the 4th of March, and he has decided hopes of being able to obtain the vote before the holidays. At all events, there is going to be a red hot fight over the matter in the committee and a still hotter one in the house if the committee "lets go."

Should Capt. Hobson fail to capture the majority of the house committee on rules he has another string to his bow in the subcommittee which the senate committee on the judiciary appointed last summer to consider the prohibition amendment, fathered on that side by Senator Sheppard, of Texas. The chances are that the Hobson-Sheppard resolution will be brought to a vote in some way at the coming session, though the political instinct of the majority of both parties is against it and its path is full of parliamentary pitfalls.

Perhaps the most interesting explanation of Mr. Bryan's course in throwing out lines to the woman suffragists and the prohibitionists within the past few months is that he realizes the rapid dissolution of the Bull Moose party, and is trying to attract to himself and Democracy as he understands it as many of the rank and file of the dying organization as he can. He knows that most of the Roosevelt followers will go back into the regular Republican party unless some special diversion is made in Democratic circles to catch their attention and interest.

The outlook is that just as Mr. Bryan was the centre of excitement at the Baltimore convention in 1912, by reason of his frequent introduction of sensational resolutions, so he will undertake to commit the Democratic party in the next presidential campaign to several "advanced" propositions in order to maintain his position of leadership as a "progressive" within the party ranks. If there is another national convention and Mr. Bryan

keeps his health and strength, we may expect him again to be the storm centre, whoever may be the nominee.

While the more conservative of the political leaders are in a state of chronic apprehension as to "what Bryan will do next," a new element of irritation has been injected into the arena in the shape of William Sulzer, who ever since his unhappy experience with the governorship of New York has been running amuck on the deck of the Democratic ship. The latest story about Sulzer is that in order to obtain further revenge on his former associates he will run as a candidate for the presidency in 1916 on a platform of which a sectarian religious question will be the principal feature.

**PRESIDENT J. P. BOOTH.**

**Popular Business Man Succeeds Hon. Richard I. Manning as President of Bank of Sumter.**

From The Daily Item, Nov. 30.  
At a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Bank of Sumter this morning President R. I. Manning presented his resignation to take effect January 1st. J. P. Booth was elected president from January 1st, but to occupy his desk at the bank from December 1st.

The retirement of Mr. Manning from the Presidency of The Bank of Sumter, which position he has occupied since 1905, was made necessary by his election as Governor of South Carolina and his removal to Columbia early in January. Mr. Manning however, retains his interest in the Bank and will continue as chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Booth, the new president, is one of the successful and progressive business men of Sumter and has the confidence and esteem of the community in as large measure as any citizen of the town. He is one of the three members of the City Council under the Sumter plan of commission form of government and is president and general manager of the Booth-Boyle Live Stock Co. His proven business ability, his past success and his personal popularity are the best guarantee of his success as president and the continued growth of the Bank of Sumter under his administration.

**NEGRO SHOT AT TINDALS.**

**Lawrence Ford has Hands Badly Lacerated When Attempting to Enter Cash Drawer.**

Lawrence Ford was made the victim of a thief trap Saturday night at the Tindal store at Tindal, when he was apparently endeavoring to enter the cash drawer. A gun had been placed in such a position under the counter that if the money drawer was tampered with the gun would go off and the robber would suffer from his act. It was well into the night that the gun was heard and an examination revealed the fact that Lawrence Ford was there and his hands were badly lacerated from the shot, which went into the back of one hand and the palm of the other, showing that he was evidently the man suspected. The drawer had been tampered with, before and it was on this account that the trap was set. Deputy Sheriff Epperson brought Ford into town Sunday and locked him up in jail.

**ENCOURAGING NEWS.**

**McLaurin Finds State Warehouse Plan Meets With Approval in Washington.**

Washington, Nov. 28.—Commissioner John L. McLaurin, after remaining in Washington since yesterday, left for New York tonight, where he will confer with leading bankers on the South Carolina warehouse plan. Asked today what the government officials thought of the scheme and whether in his opinion it would prove a success, Mr. McLaurin said that while he did not wish to be quoted on the matter at the present time that he felt no hesitancy in saying that treasury and other officials were entirely friendly to the plan and to the certificates which will be issued on cotton. He was at the White House for a few minutes and made another engagement for next week.

**HOLLAND IS CHARITABLE.**

**Dutch Will Care for Belgian Refugees.**

The Hague (via London), Nov. 28.—The Dutch government has declined all American offers for financial aid for Belgian refugees in Holland. The government says it feels it will be incompatible with the country's honor to allow charitable organizations of another nation to assist in this mercy work.

Of the million Belgian refugees who fled into Holland at the beginning of the war 300,000 remain homeless and destitute. They are being gathered together in sparsely heated winter camps. For this purpose a special budget of about \$1,000,000 has been passed and further credit of \$3,000,000 will be necessary.

**WORK FOR LABORERS.**

**IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR TELLS HOW UNEMPLOYED MAY FIND JOBS.**

**Federal Immigration Department Says for Those Who Want Labor to File Applications with Office of Inspector at Charleston.**

Columbia, Nov. 28.—William Vaughan Howard, federal inspector of immigration at Charleston and immigrant inspector in charge of South Carolina for the information department of the department of labor, stopped over in Columbia today en route from Rock Hill, where he attended the commercial secretaries' meetings and told of the new work which the department was doing in its efforts to settle the unemployed people of this country.

Mr. Howard said that anyone who wants to hire farm laborers, or sell farms to desirable aliens already in this country, or who wants a cook, house worker, or any trade should file the information with him at Charleston and a copy with the department at Washington. Bulletins containing this list of opportunities will be distributed through the United States and whenever an unemployed man or woman is found which will fit into one of these vacant places the immigration department will bring the position and the one seeking employment together.

Blanks for filling in this information can be obtained by writing the department of labor at Washington. According to Mr. Howard there are four forms, one for those wishing farm laborers, one for settlers, one for domestic servants, and one for other occupations, which includes the trades. If there is any person in South Carolina desiring to get in touch with desirable help, either domestic or aliens already in this country, or who may want farm laborers or have farms to sell, they can write Mr. Howard at Charleston or to the department at Washington for the blanks.

The federal government is not undertaking to attract immigrants from foreign countries, but is trying to place aliens already in this country and home people out of employment, and to protect them from land grabbers and sharks. It's a means of getting together the position and the man or resembles a clearing house of information, and it is believed will help towards disposing of the problem of what to do with the unemployed and will tend to keep aliens from drifting to large centres of population so freely.

Mr. Howard placed this matter before the commercial secretaries at Rock Hill and it is stated that they were much interested in the proposition.

**NOT SO TREMENDOUS.**

New York, Nov. 28.—A banking house with influential British connections today received a cablegram from London intimating that a wrong interpretation has been placed on the statement of Mr. Lloyd George in the house of commons Saturday that this country's debts to Great Britain aggregated \$5,000,000,000. The message said British bankers estimate the amount of this country's obligations to London as not exceeding \$250,000,000. That also was the maximum named by Sir George Faish, the British treasury official during his recent visit to this country.

Local bankers believed Mr. Lloyd George probably referred to the amount of American securities held by bankers and individuals of Great Britain. At no time, the bankers said, had this country's obligations to England and her colonies ever amounted to the colossal sum said to have been named by the chancellor.

**Chamber of Commerce Notes.**

"Patronize Home Enterprises," This means:  
Buy your produce from Sumter county farmers.

Have your job work done by Sumter printing houses.

Give the Sumter man and the Sumter woman the work.

Buy from Sumter merchants.

Buy from Sumter factories.

Subscribe to and advertise with your Sumter papers.

Keep every Sumter county dollar in Sumter county that you possibly can. Don't patronize mail order houses. Don't buy from peddlers of mail order houses. Every Sumter dollar kept in Sumter helps Sumter men and women to hold their jobs.

Times can be always made better by keeping the money you earn right in Sumter where you will get the chance to get some of it back again. Money sent out of Sumter is gone, never to return to Sumter again.

Pay up every dollar that you can this week. Help to keep the money possible in circulation. Money in circulation helps to keep men and women in work to spend thousands of dollars with Sumter merchants and Sumter county farmers.

**CANADA FEARS GERMANS.**

**Searching for Guns on Isle of Orleans—Store of Ammunition Believed to Be Concealed.**

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 29.—A secret store of arms and ammunition is being searched for on the Isle of Orleans, in the St. Lawrence river, just off Quebec. A concrete base, upon which a siege gun could be mounted, already has been found there.

A German gentleman two years ago bought a tract of land on the island and established there a plant for manufacture of concrete blocks. It is upon this property the concrete foundation was found. It commanded the defenses of Quebec and of the St. Lawrence river.

Last summer a moving picture company, the leading officials of which were Germans, spent the summer on the Isle of Orleans, reproducing the battle of the Plains of Abraham and making films of it. They had both cannon and rifles and fired a large amount of blank ammunition in their operations. It has been reported they took advantage of the opportunity to land guns and secret them in pits which were carefully covered. The concrete foundation has been destroyed and excavations have been searched for buried guns. So far none has been found and as the island is 29 miles long and seven miles wide the search is likely to prove tedious. At its nearest point the island is four miles from Quebec. As far as could be learned the films made last summer never were shown.

**BOARD ON COLORADO STRIKE.**

**Wilson Expects to Name Low and Gilday to Attempt Settlement of Coal Strike.**

Washington, Nov. 28.—President Wilson is expected to announce Monday the appointment of Seth Low, former mayor of New York, and Patrick Gilday, Pennsylvania mine union official, as commissioners to attempt settlement of the Colorado coal strike.

The president today prepared a statement reviewing the Colorado situation, telling of his efforts to secure acceptance of a tentative basis of agreement, and of the sending of federal troops to the strike district. He received today from Gov. Ammons a request that the federal troops be withdrawn from parts of the strike zone. Labor leaders have protested against withdrawal of the troops on the ground that rioting would follow.

Secretary Wilson of the labor department, who has charge of efforts to bring about agreement between miners and operators, talked over the situation with the president today and is understood to have agreed to the naming of a commission. Secretary Garrison of the war department will confer with the president Monday on the advisability of withdrawing the troops.

**WOULD STOP REJOICING.**

**American Peace Centenary Committee Announces Plans.**

New York, Nov. 28.—Postponement of all public rejoicing until the war in Europe is ended, except the participation of churches, schools and colleges in the programme of peace celebration already arranged, has been decided on by the American peace centenary committee, it was announced today.

The programme adopted by the American committee and approved by the Canadian committee, it was announced, includes the unveiling of the Ghent memorial tablet in the Octagon building in Washington, December 2, when President Wilson is to make an address; the publication December 21 of an address to the people of America commemorative of the signing of the treaty of Ghent; the celebration at New Orleans, on January 8, 9 and 10, of the one hundredth anniversary of the battle of New Orleans and of the century of peace between English speaking peoples, which followed that battle.

A religious service by the churches of the United States and Canada February 14, and formal addresses in many State capitals February 17 or 18, also proposed.

**SUPPLIES FOR BELGIANS.**

New York, Nov. 29.—The Rockefeller Foundation tonight announced it had received from its war relief commission, which has already reached Rotterdam, a favorable report on the organization for distribution of food and clothing for the needy Belgians. The commission reports, however, that the need of more supplies is very urgent.

Arrangements have been made, the foundation states, for transportation of 25,000,000 pounds of food for the suffering Belgians before the first of the year. The steamers Argamonon, Norbet and Perona have been secured and are to be loaded within a few days.

The American commission for relief in Belgium also has arranged for the despatching of several steamers with relief supplies.

**SOUTH CAROLINA BANKS.**

**The Consolidated Statement Shows No "Hoarding."**

Columbia, Nov. 28.—Ivy M. Mauldin of Pickens, State bank examiner, made public yesterday a consolidated statement of the condition October 21 of the 313 State banks and trust companies, two private banks and 23 branch banks operating in South Carolina.

"The criticism has been made," said Mr. Mauldin, "that banks in the South are 'hoarding' funds. A glance at these figures clearly shows that this does not apply to the State banks of South Carolina."

The examiner is gratified also to note that the overdrafts reported aggregate less by \$400,000 than on the same date last year.

"Money borrowed is heavy," he says. "This is accounted for by the low price of cotton and the general business stagnation due to the European war."

Following is a consolidated statement of the condition of the several State, branch and private banks at the close of business October 21, as shown by reports made under the call issued by Mr. Mauldin that day:

**Resources.**

|                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Loans and discounts              | \$60,814,256.89        |
| Overdrafts                       | 576,254.51             |
| Bonds and stocks owned           |                        |
| by the bank                      | 3,640,885.40           |
| Other real estate owned          | 665,495.25             |
| Furniture and fixtures           | 594,999.08             |
| Banking house                    | 1,548,555.97           |
| Due from banks and bankers       | 6,137,255.21           |
| Currency                         | 1,286,668.10           |
| Gold                             | 104,288.20             |
| Silver and other minor coin      | 324,537.96             |
| Checks and cash items            | 282,737.91             |
| Exchanges for the clearing house | 154,497.61             |
| Other resources                  | 473,954.11             |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$76,604,450.20</b> |

**Liabilities**

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| Capital stock paid in                                    | \$12,647,118.25        |
| Surplus fund   | 4,786,978.45           |
| Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid  | 2,342,906.50           |
| Due to banks and bankers                                 | 1,077,143.65           |
| Dividends unpaid   | 11,127.95              |
| Individual deposits subject to check                     | 17,048,242.72          |
| Savings deposits   | 17,119,888.21          |
| Demand certificates of deposit                           | 181,930.85             |
| Time certificates of deposit                             | 4,537,631.20           |
| Certified checks   | 23,727.10              |
| Cashier's checks   | 154,531.73             |
| Notes and bills rediscounted                             | 2,280,903.72           |
| Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed | 13,303,282.25          |
| Reserve fund   | 253,900.46             |
| Other liabilities  | 835,236.89             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$76,604,450.20</b> |

**Police Can't Interfere With Money Working on Sunday in Sumter.**

The Sumter merchants give employment to hundreds of Sumter men and women, and these merchants pay out hundreds of thousands of dollars in Sumter for store and house rents as do their clerks and other employees, also for city license and other taxes, for supplies of various kinds.

Therefore the Sumter merchants are entitled to the support of the people of Sumter.

Spend Sumter county money with Sumter county merchants and you help to hold your own job and help hundreds of others to hold their jobs. You also help to keep hundreds of houses and stores rented by helping the Sumter merchants to keep Sumter money in Sumter.

Permanent prosperity may be hastened by every man who owes paying as much of his debts immediately as possible.

Put the money into circulation fast enough and the money will do the rest. It requires a certain amount of money to keep the wheels of progress greased for permanent operation.

Everybody benefits by money in circulation.

Everybody suffers by money being hoarded or kept out of circulation. The man or woman who hoards or holds money out of circulation suffers the same as others. Your money will work for you, and everybody else, 365 days in the year. Sundays included, night and day. The police force can't keep your money from working all of the time. Therefore turn money loose and let it work for you and your fellow citizens.

**Farmers' Union Meeting.**

The Sumter County Farmers' Union will hold its regular meeting at the court house Friday of this week. All locals will please send full delegation as this will be a very important meeting. This is the meeting for the election of officers and I wish to submit to the union a movement on foot to establish a curb market in Sumter. It is my opinion that a certain kind of a curb market in Sumter would be mutually beneficial to both the consumers in Sumter and the farmers who produce the supplies for our local market. Those officials in Sumter who are agitating the movement for a curb market are very anxious to learn what the farmers think about it and what kind of market the Union would desire to have established.

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**A WARNING TO MANY.**

**Some Interesting Facts About Kidney Trouble.**

Few people realize to what extent their health depends upon the condition of the kidneys.

The physician in nearly all cases of serious illness, makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are doing their work properly, the other organs cannot readily be brought back to health and strength.

When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's disease which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, caused nearly ten thousand deaths in 1913, in the State of New York alone. Therefore, it behooves us to pay more attention to the health of these most important organs.

An ideal herbal compound that has had remarkable success as a kidney remedy is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy.

The mild and healing influence of this preparation, in most cases, is soon realized, according to sworn statements and verified testimony of those who have used the remedy.

If you feel that your kidneys require attention, and wish a sample bottle, write to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Mention this paper, enclose ten cents and they will gladly forward it to you by parcel post.

Swamp-Root is sold by every druggist in bottles of two sizes—50c and \$1.00—Adv't.

**HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.**

**Prof. Patterson Wardlaw in Automobile Accident.**

Orangeburg, Nov. 28.—Prof. Patterson Wardlaw of the University of South Carolina and G. Mackey Salley of this county came near suffering a severe accident last night at about 7 o'clock when the automobile of Mr. Salley slid down the embankment of the Edisto river swamp. Mr. Salley was taking Prof. Wardlaw to St. George school, where he was to deliver a lecture. While passing through the Edisto river swamp and while driving near the edge of the causeway, the embankment edge suddenly gave way and the car fell down the embankment. The car did not turn over and the members of the party escaped uninjured. Another car was secured and the trip was made and engagement filled.

**Help Those Who Helped you and Help Yourself at the Same Time by Paying up all That You can This Week—Remember That**

The merchants and professional men are not crying for charity.

They are simply asking for what belongs to them.

They simply ask every body to pay their just and honest debts.

The merchant can not put off paying his debts because the price of cotton is less than it ought to be.

The merchant has to pay his debts whether he has made or lost money this year. Everybody in business, the merchant, farmer, lawyer, manufacturer, physician, real estate man, newspaper publisher, and all others, more or less have lost some money or failed to make as much money as they usually do.

But those who extend credit should be paid.

Those who have extended credit must pay their debts.

The way to bring better times and to avoid crippling credit conditions, because credit will be a very valuable thing next year, is to pay your debts now. You are going to need a reputation for paying your debts. Make that reputation this week. Help those who have helped you to be able to help you again when you need help. Adversity knocks at your door unexpectedly.

"Adversity is your strongest test of your manhood."

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